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H - PASS - HONORABLE HOWARD W. CANNON
UNITED STATES SENATOR
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 14, 1976 AND ENCLOSURE

REGARDING THE CASE OF MR GEORGE THEODORE YPSILANTIS, THE FATHER OF
YOUR CONSTITUENT, MR WILLIAM YPSILANTIS

2. GREEK LAW RESTRICTS THE EXPORT OF FUNDS FROM GREECE AND IS APPLIED
IN THE CASE OF BOTH GREEK NATIONALS AND ALIENS. EXPORT IS PERMITTED
ONLY IF APPROVED BY THE CURRENCY COMMITTEE OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

3. UNDER THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE, MR YPSILANTIS MUST PETITION THE
CURRENCY COMMITTEE EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE NATIONAL BANK OF
GREECE IN VOLOS WHERE HIS SAVINGS ARE DEPOSITED, FOR PERMISSION
TO TRANSFER THE FUNDS CONVERTED INTO DOLLARS TO THE UNITED STATES.
IT IS THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING HOWEVER, THAT EXPORT PETITIONS
ARE INFREQUENTLY APPROVED ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF LARGE AMOUNTS.
IN VIEW OF MR YPSILANTIS ADVANCED AGE, THE EXPORT OF SMALL
AMOUNTS ON AN INSTALLMENT BASIS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON COMPASSIONATE
GROUNDS AT THE TIME OF AND AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FROM GREECE
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4. THE EMBASSY HAS COMMUNICATED WITH MR YPSILANTIS BY TELEPHONE
SUGGESTING THAT HE FILE A PETITION WITH THE CURRENCY COMMITTEE.
HIS CASE WILL BE FOLLOWED AND ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN
HIS PROBLEM WILL BE EXTENDED TO HIM.
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